

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.(Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to claim 1,~~ A computer-implemented method for adding electronic ink to displayed information on a system having a display, said method comprising the steps of:

classifying said electronic ink based on a shape of said electronic ink;

associating said classified electronic ink with at least one object of said displayed information; wherein said classifying step includes the step of determining ~~its~~ said electronic ink's distance to other annotations.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to claim 1,~~ A computer-implemented method for adding electronic ink to displayed information on a system having a display, said method comprising the steps of:

classifying said electronic ink based on a shape of said electronic ink;

associating said classified electronic ink with at least one object of said displayed information; wherein said classifying step includes the step of determining the ratio of said electronic ink height to width.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~ 4, wherein said associating step further includes the step of:

anchoring said electronic ink to said at least one object by adding a link to said displayed information.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~4~~ 3, wherein said associating step further includes the step of:

anchoring said electronic ink to a file position of said at least one object.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for adding electronic ink to displayed information on a system having a display, said method comprising the steps of:

classifying said electronic ink;

associating said electronic ink with at least one object of said displayed information, wherein the relationship of said electronic ink to said at least one object is maintained despite re-flowing of said displayed information by a layout engine.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~4~~ 8, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as in-line words in which said at least one object is within a flow of text.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~4~~ 4, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as text marks.

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~4~~ 4, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as in-line paragraphs and sketches.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~4~~ 4, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as margin notes.

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~4~~ 4, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as a connector.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 14, wherein said classifying step classifies said electronic ink as one of embedded ink and overlaid ink.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer readable medium according to claim 14, A~~
computer readable medium having a program stored thereon, said program implementing a
method for adding electronic ink to displayed information on a system having a display, said
program comprising the steps of:

classifying said electronic ink based on shape of the electronic ink;

associating said classified electronic ink with at least one object of said displayed
information; wherein said classifying step includes the step of determining its distance to other
annotations.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer readable medium according to claim 14, A~~
computer readable medium having a program stored thereon, said program implementing a
method for adding electronic ink to displayed information on a system having a display, said
program comprising the steps of:

classifying said electronic ink based on shape of the electronic ink;

associating said classified electronic ink with at least one object of said displayed
information; wherein said classifying step includes the step of determining the ratio of said
electronic ink height to width.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 14, wherein said associating step further includes the step of:

anchoring said electronic ink to said at least one object by adding a link to said displayed
information.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 44 17, wherein said associating step further includes the step of:
anchoring said electronic ink to a file position of said at least one object.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 44 17, wherein said associating step further includes the step of:
anchoring said electronic ink to said at least one object by adding a link at or near said object pointing to said electronic ink.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 44 17, wherein the relationship of said electronic ink to said at least one object is maintained despite re-flowing of said displayed information by a layout engine.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 44 17, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as in-line words in which said at least one object is within a flow of text.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 44 17, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as text marks.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 44 17, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as in-line paragraphs and sketches.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 44 17, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as margin notes.

26. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 44 17, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as a connector.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 3, wherein said step of classifying including classifying said electronic ink as a chain of strokes and said associating step includes associating a center of said chain of strokes with said at least one object.